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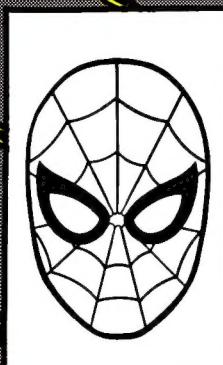
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CONSIDERING HOW SCUZZY PARTS OF THIS CITY HAVE GOTTNEN... LIKE THIS ONE...

I'M AMAZED THAT ANYONE HAS THE COURAGE TO WALK AROUND.

AFTER ALL, AS THE BODACIOUS BEAST, I HAVE STRENGTH, AGILITY, AND IF ALL ELSE FAILS, MY RAZOR-SHARP WIT.

BUT THESE POOR NON-MUTANTS... ALL THEY HAVE ARE...

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...INcredible LEGS!

AND FAMILAR, TOO, BUT THAT'S...

ONE WAY

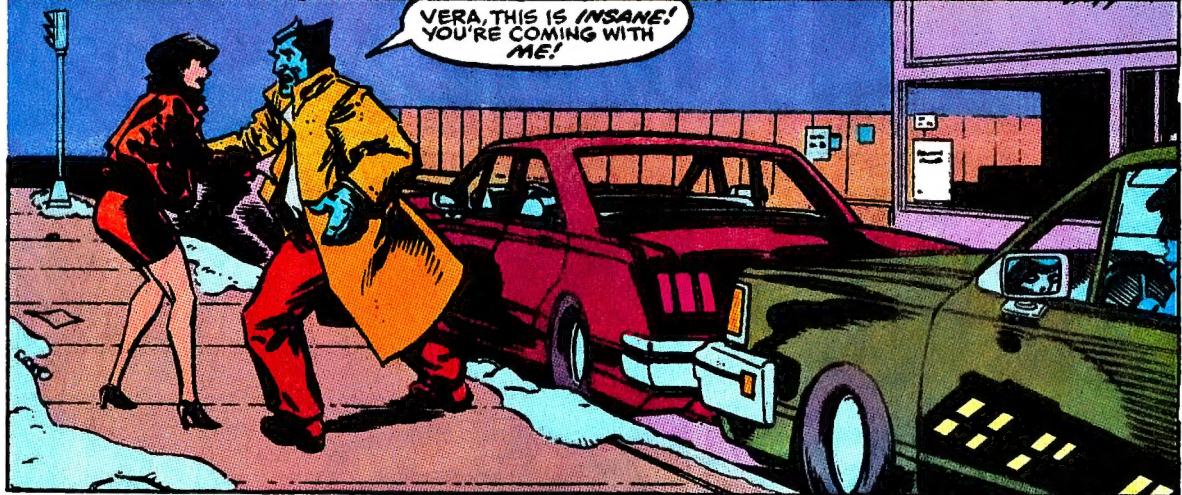
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I... I KNEW YOU'D BEEN THROUGH A LOT, AND WE HADN'T PARTED ON THE BEST OF TERMS... BUT I NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D COME TO THIS?! I MEAN...





MEANTIME...

I HAD A GREAT TIME TONIGHT, OPAL. IT TOOK MY MIND OFF WARREN. I JUST HOPE HANK DIDN'T MIND SEARCHING BY HIMSELF TONIGHT...



SPEAKING OF BIG BOYS, HOW'D YOU LIKE TO COME UP AND SEE ME SOMETIME, BIG BOY.



AND I WOULDN'T EXACTLY COMPLAIN IF THAT 'SOME-TIME' WERE NOW...



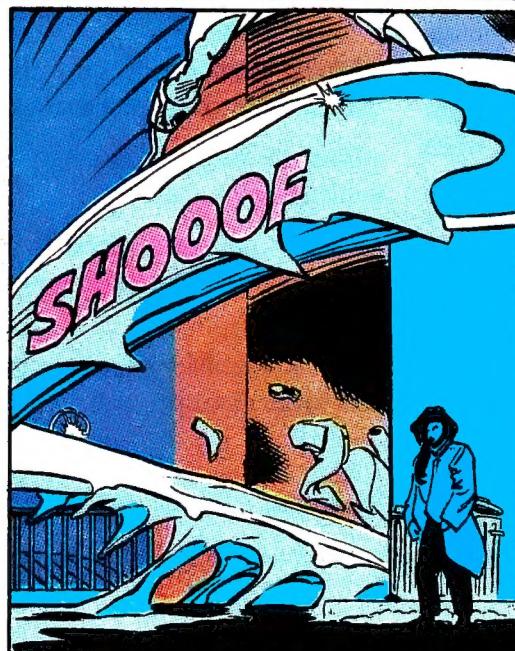
UH... OPAL...

EITHER THEY'RE FILMING BATMAN II IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD...

OR THERE'S SOMETHING I REALLY HAVE TO CHECK OUT.



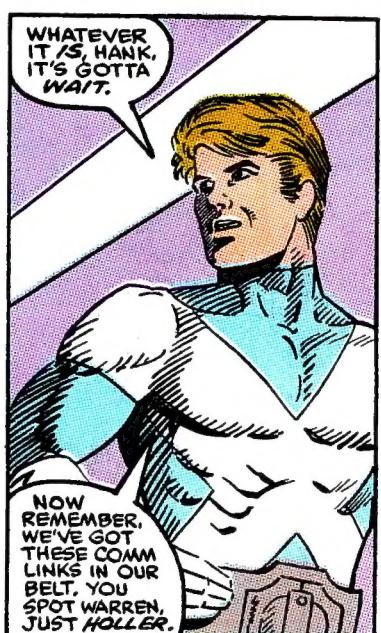
DO ME SOMETHING, WOULD YOU? WATCH MY STUFF, OKAY?

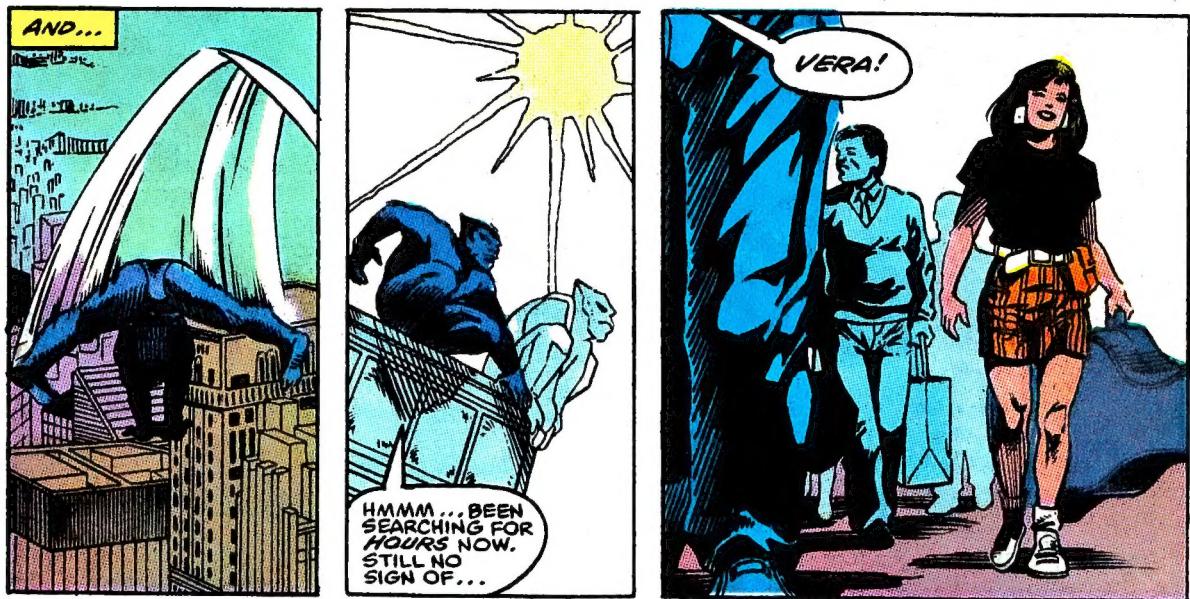
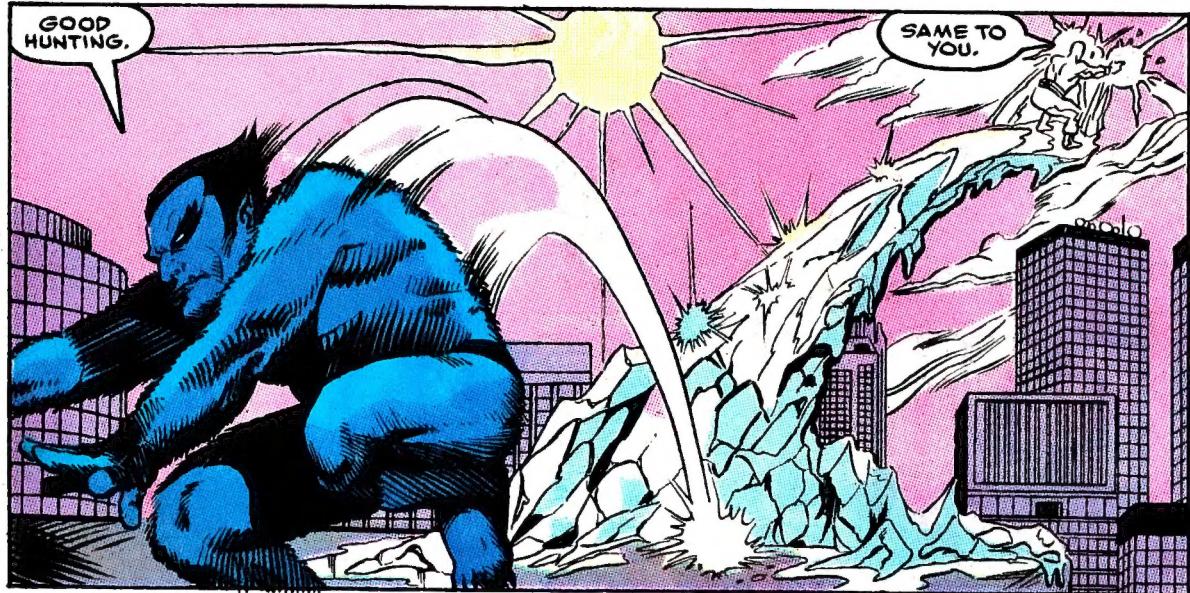


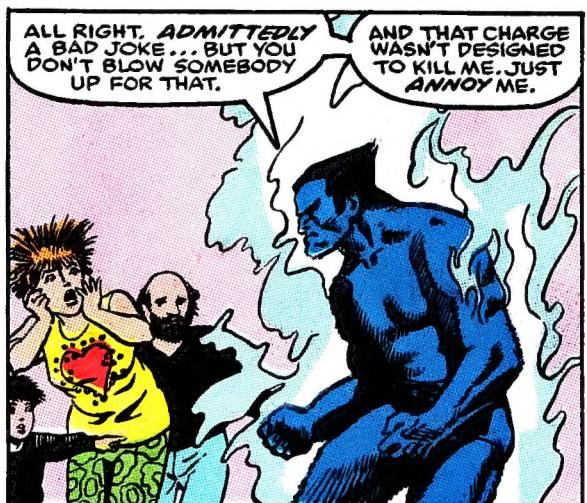
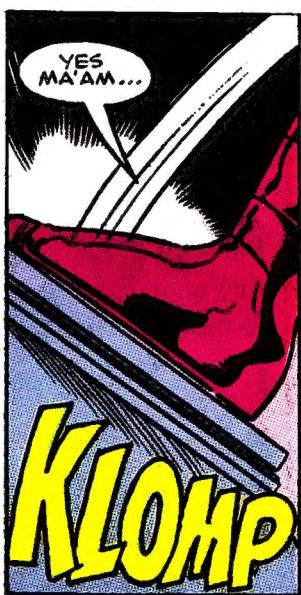
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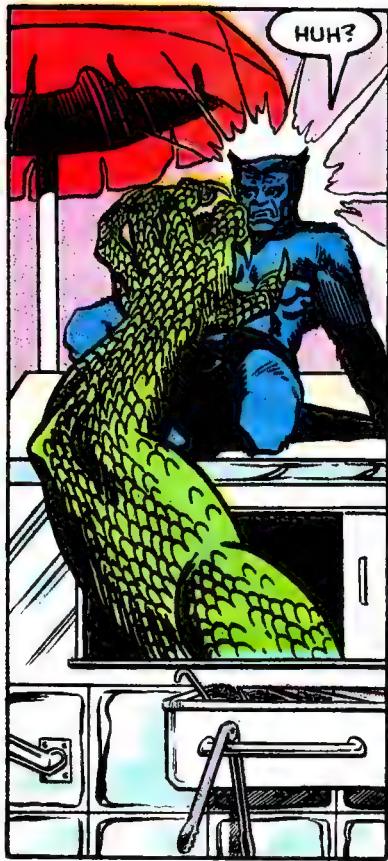


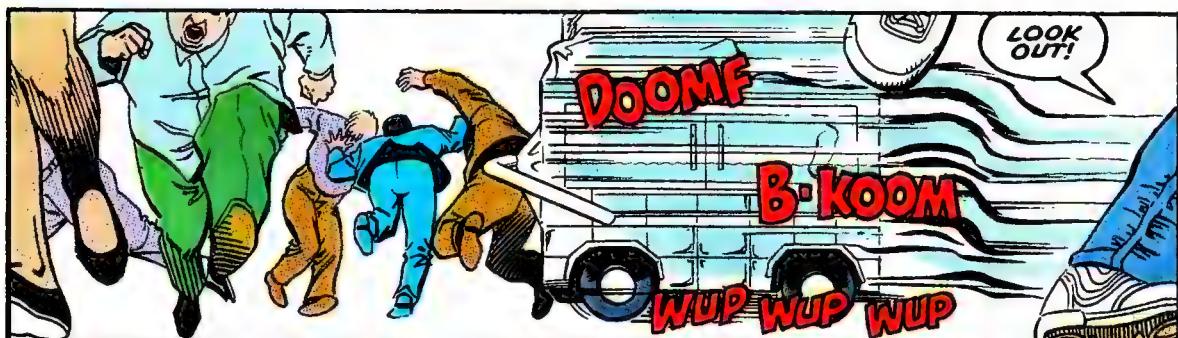


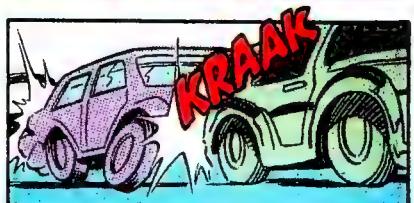
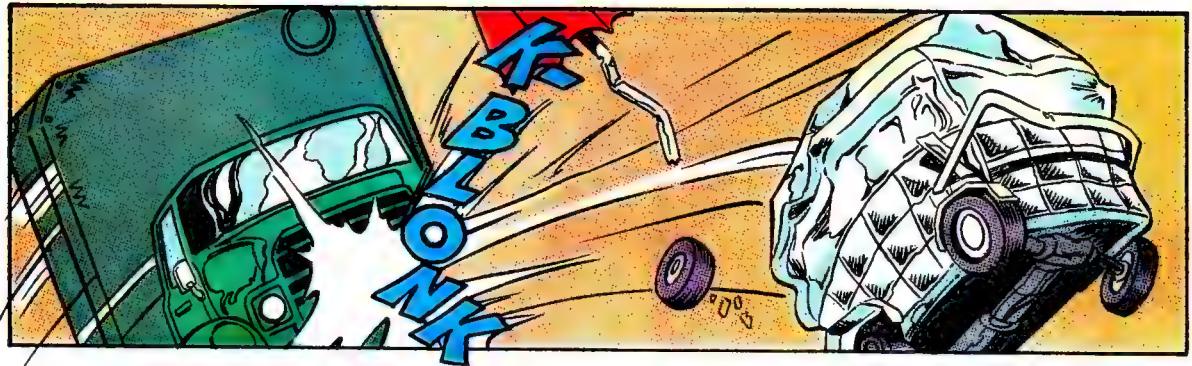


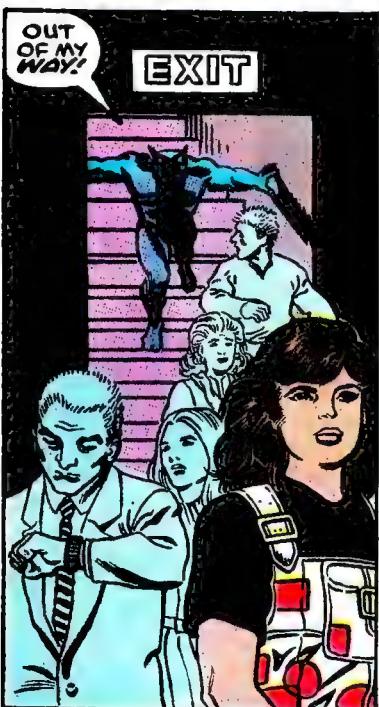
BUT IF THAT CAB THINKS IT CAN OUTSPEED THE BOUNDING BEAST, ESPECIALLY THROUGH MIDTOWN TRAFFIC...















CERTAINLY. YOU'RE
COMING WITH ME.











BULLPEN BULLETINS



STAN'S SOAPBOX

Hi, Heroes! I've received a number of disturbing letters lately. Normally I wouldn't mention them because you know how I hate to upset you, but perhaps by bringing this out into the open we can stop some other misguided Marvelites from going astray. So here's the scoop . . .

It seems that some readers are angry at me because the popular Spider-Man newspaper strip doesn't run in their home town papers. The letter-writers demand to know what I've got against their fair cities and why their favorite newspapers are unjustly deprived of Spidey's daily adventures.

Well, may my webs never untangle if I'd ever cause the minions of Marveldom to miss out on any of our wall-crawler's amazin' adventures! Hey, if it was up to me, Peter Parker's arachnid alter-ego would be featured in every paper from here to Asgard!

But that's not how it works! Each newspaper has to ask for the strip—though begging might be even better! We can't just force it on them. So here's the bottom line. If your tear-stained eyes are pining for the Spidey strip, just write to your local editor and tell him so—and have your buddies do the same. You'd be surprised how much influence readers' letters can have. Or, if Spidey is presently appearing in your paper, the least you can do is write a note thanking 'em for bestowing such beneficence upon thee. Either way, it looks like you're in for a case of writer's cramp—a small price to pay for your daily dose of Spider-Man!

But don't go away till I share one of life's loveliest little lessons with you, namely—it's Expensive To Be Rich!

Excuse!

ITEM: This year, we're introducing six new titles featuring characters whom we've dubbed "The Heroes of the 90's!" Already your awe-struck eyes have beheld the first issues of ROBOCOP, GHOST RIDER, and NAMOR THE SUB-MARINER. This month, you can thrill to the return of the ever-popular GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY. And over the next two months, you can look forward to the final two "Heroes of the 90's" titles, the NEW WARRIORS and SPIDER-MAN. To help usher in these new titles, we've decided to give away some nifty prizes. There's still plenty of time to enter. For details, see any issue of MARVEL AGE MAGAZINE from the first six months of this year. Don't delay—enter today, and you can be a hero for the 90's, too!

ITEM! If you liked the award-winning "Airtight Garage" Epic graphic novel by Moebius, then you're really in for a treat! That pinnacle of graphic excellence is about to be made into a feature-length animated film! But wait! Hold on to your hats! There's more! The AIR-TIGHT GARAGE Movie will be the first U.S.-Soviet joint venture on an animated film! Much of the animation will be produced at largest animation studio in the USSR! The screenplay for the AIRTIGHT GARAGE has been written by Randi Lofficer, and Moebius himself will personally supervise the movie's art direction. The film will be a collaborative effort between the North American Trading Corporation, Starwatcher Graphics, and Soyuzmultfilm. The movie is scheduled to be completed in two years. But if you can't wait that long for a dose of Moebius, there's still time to run down to your comic shop and pick up the two-issue ELSEWHERE PRINCE limited series by Moebius and Eric Shanower. ELSEWHERE PRINCE contains the kind of epic fantasy Moebius fans have come to love. And don't forget to reserve a seat at your local theater now for AIRTIGHT GARAGE: THE MOVIE,

coming in '92! When the greatest animators in the US and the USSR get together—there's no telling what they can accomplish!

ITEM: Let's all bid a fond farewell to Daring Dwayne McDuffie, who is leaving his editorial position at Marvel to enter the wacky world of freelance writing. Dwayne is already hard at work on a third DAMAGE CONTROL Limited Series, and has several other projects in the works involving Deathlok, Captain Marvel, and Hawkeye! So even though we won't be seeing Dwayne on a day-to-day basis anymore, he'll still be working for us just as much as ever! We wish Dwayne much luck and success in his freelance career. Replacing Dwayne as Bob Budianski's assistant on Special Projects is Titantic Tom Brevoort, who just started out as Marcus McLauron's assistant a few short months ago! Of course you know this means Marcus will now be needing a new assistant. Who will it be? Check this page next month!

ITEM! It's time once again for our update of which annuals will be coming your way this month. First up will be the ALF ANNUAL, in which everyone's favorite Melmacian behaves very nicely and doesn't get into any trouble. HA! Just wanted to see if you were paying attention! Actually, ALF gets into more mischief than ever before!

Then, if you liked the classic X-Men tale, "Days of Future Past," you're really in for a treat because the next four annuals this month together comprise one storyline which forms a sequel to that X-Men epic! The new story is entitled "Days of Future Present," and it features the final fate of the adult Franklin Richards from the future! A special highlight is the first-ever meeting of Jean Grey and Rachel (Phoenix)! The story starts off in the NEW MUTANTS ANNUAL, then continues into the X-FACTOR, FANTASTIC FOUR, and X-MEN annuals. If you think "Days of Future Present" is not to be missed, you're right!

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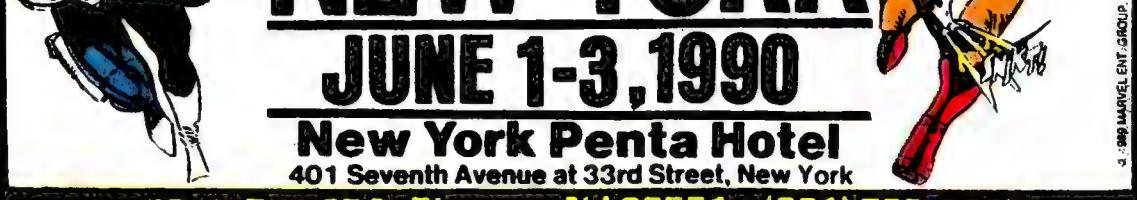
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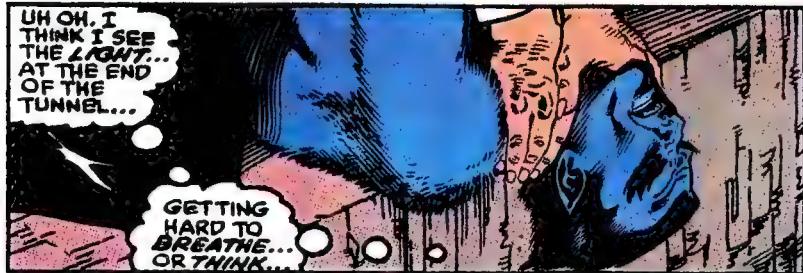
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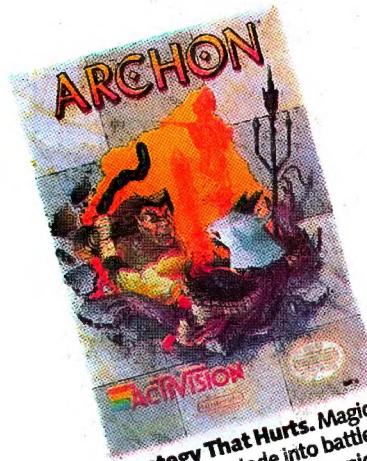
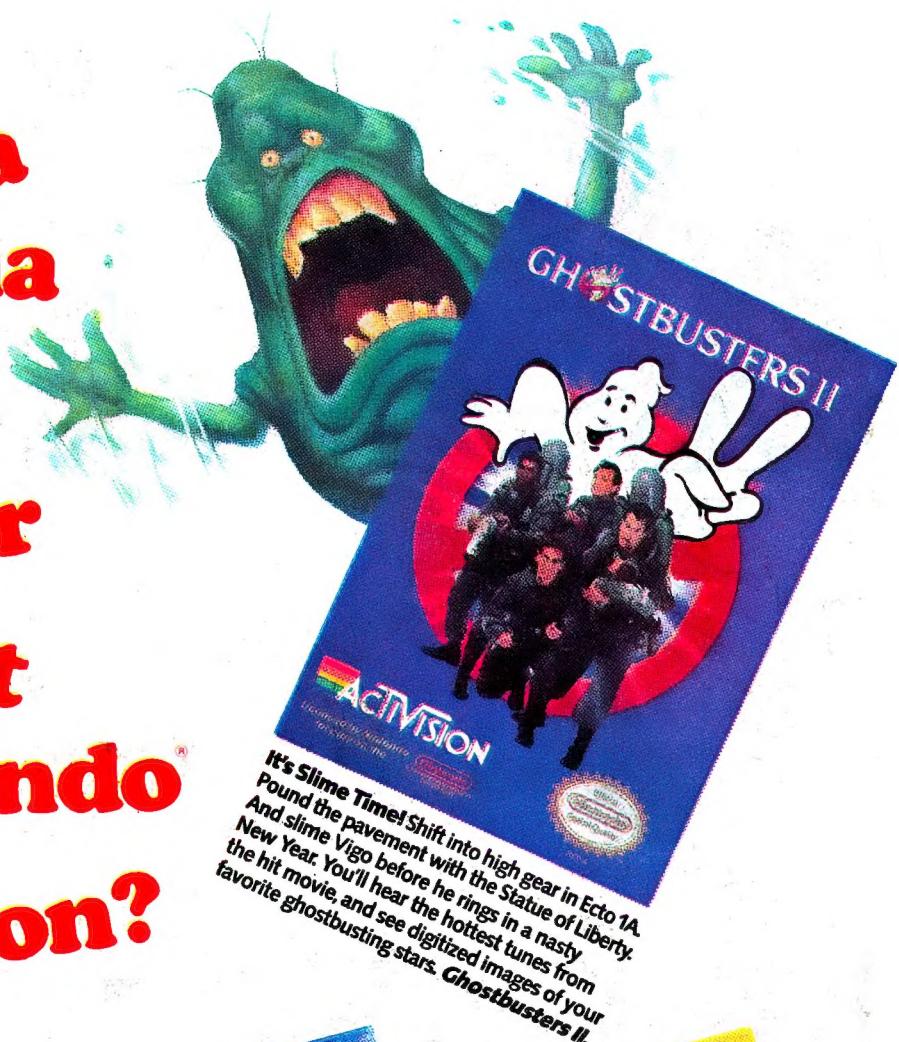
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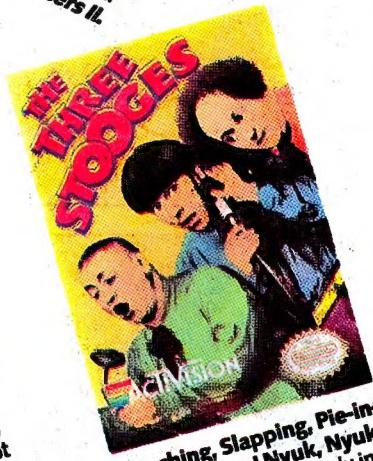
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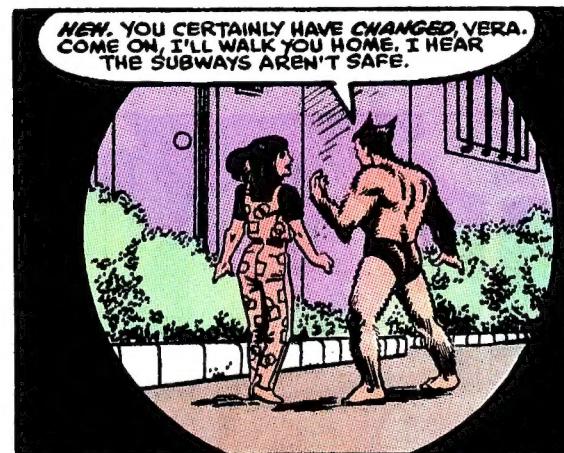
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